



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

DOCKET NO. 11890/2	APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/871,216	EXAMINER Hanh Phan	ART UNIT 2638
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Date: February 8, 2006

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This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 09/871,216, filed on May 31, 2001, entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A POLARIZATION MODE DISPERSION TOLERANT OPTICAL HOMODYNE DETECTION SYSTEM WITH OPTIMIZED TRANSMISSION MODULATION**.

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ (Preliminary) Amendment  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449  
☐ Drawing Changes  
☐ Other Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						790.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	19		51	0	50.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5		15	0	200.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					390.00	
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	790.00
	If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL 395.00

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2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of **\$395.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicants requested a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action of August 8, 2005 in Applicants Response filed on November 29, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an **additional two-month extension of time** to respond to the Final Office Action of August 8, 2005. The extended period for response expires on February 8, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$450.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/8/06

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